

## ABSTRACT

1 A dispenser for dispensing the length of tape ready for  
2 application on a package, the dispenser including a  
3 frame, a feed mechanism, a cutting mechanism, and an  
4 applicator. The frame has a storage area for storing  
5 tape therein. The feed mechanism is connected to the  
6 frame for feeding tape from the storage area. The  
7 cutting mechanism is connected to the frame for cutting  
8 the length of tape dispensed from the dispenser. The  
9 applicator is connected to the frame and adapted for  
10 applying an additional element to the tape when the  
11 length of tape is dispensed. The application of the  
12 additional element to the tape provides the length of  
13 tape with a predetermined characteristic. The additional  
14 element applied by the applicator is selected from a  
15 number of different additional elements. Each  
16 additional element has a different predetermined  
17 characteristic so that when applied to the tape, each of  
18 the different additional elements provides the length of  
19 tape with a different corresponding predetermined  
20 characteristic.